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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE SHARES TOP BILLING IN ITALIAN MEDIA WITH SOLZHENITSYN STORY. COMMENTARY--WITH PREDICTABLY EXCEPTIONS--GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC US VIEWPOINT. STRESSES FRENCH ISOLATION AND CONFLICT WITHIN EEC. MANY PAPERS SEE LITTLE HOPE CONFERENCE WILL PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS. SPECULATE ON SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE IN LIGHT "GOUGH" NIXON SPEECH. END SUMMARY.

2. REPRESENTATIVE STORY BY CORRIERE DELLA SERA'S RESPECTED UGO STILLE NOTED THAT ONE BY ONE EEC COUNTRIES ALIGNING THEMSELVES WITH GERMANS IN BEING CRITICAL OF INTRANSIGENT FRENCH POSITION. "WE ARE IN FULL CRISIS," STILLE SAID, "INVOLVING NOT ONLY ENERGY CONFERENCE BUT FUTURE OF EEC." IL GIORNO BOOK SIMILAR LINE: "EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN /DESIRE TO PRESERVE/
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EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY AND ALLURING, WHILE AT SAME TIME THREATENING,

US INVITATION FOR COOPERATION."

3. LA STAMPA'S VITTORIO ZUCCONI FROM WASHINGTON, SAID NIXON'S SPEECH "SUPPORTED BY THOSE EEC COUNTRIES WHICH FAVOR US FRIENDSHIP /AND/ CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASING FRENCH ISOLATION." LA STAMPA PARIS CORRESPONDENT CAVALLARI BLAMED FRENCH FOR NEGATIVE RESULTS FIRST TWO DAYS OF SUMMIT, INDICATING ITS ATTITUDE CHARACTERISTIC OF "GAULLISM IN DECLINE."

4. IL MESSAGGERO'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT LUCIO MANISCO, AN UNFAILING CRITIC OF AMERICA AND US FOREIGN POLICY, WAS ONLY REPORTER TO COME OUT IN SUPPORT FRENCH POSITION. HE ALSO CRICIZED SPEECH BY ITALIAN FONMIN MORO, A SPEECH MOST OTHER DAILIES IGNORED.

5. TV, ON OTHER HAND, SUMMARIZED MORO'S REMARKS, NOTING HIS OBSERVATION THAT KISSINGER'S SEVEN POINTS OFFERED "GOOD POSSIBILITIES" AND THAT US HAS PLAYED POSITIVE LEADING ROLE IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

6. PRO-US IL TEMPO PRAISED "GENEROUS" AMERICAN OFFER TO SHARE ITS ADVANCED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND PART ITS OIL SUPPLIES.
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